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DISEASE IN COCONUT TREES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to include irrigation components in CDB`s programmes to wipe out thedisease by cutting and removing coconut trees and replanting their good quality hybrid seedlings;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon so far; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (c): The Coconut Development Board is implementing a Scheme on Integrated Development ofCoconut Industry in India including Technology Mission on Coconut during X Plan. The scheme includes:-

(i) Production of quality planting material through Demonstration-cum-Seed Production Farms andestablishment of nurseries for new planting and replanting.

(ii) Integrated farming in coconut holdings for productivity improvement which include cutting and removal of disease advanced palms by providing compensation @ Rs.250/- per palm.

(iii) New planting with quality planting material by providing assistance of Rs.8,000/- per ha.

(iv) Laying of demonstration plots for promoting adoption of integrated management practices by providing financial assistance @ 35,000/- per ha. The package of technologies recommended includes irrigation also.

(v) Setting up organic manuring units with financial assistance @ 20,000/- per unit.

Besides, improved cultural practices including nutrient and water management are also included under the sub-component of adoption of technologies for insect/pest and disease management, on project basis, in the Technology Mission on Coconut. Specific irrigation component is not included under the scheme, as assistance for drip irrigation in coconut gardens is available under the Scheme on Macro Management in Agriculture.